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Thanks

.. To those parents who supported our science fair team this week.
.. To the team of parents who have worked so hard in the run up to Trivia Night.
.. To those who have submitted their bus transport entitlement forms ..
still quite a few to come.

Good Luck

.. To Mrs Gunson who heads off on maternity leave next week. I know you
will all join me in wishing Mrs Gunson the very best for the months ahead ..
we will keep you informed.
.. To our senior debating team which debates with Parua Bay School this
coming Thursday.

People of the week

.. Mrs Dow .. starting Monday in room 10 !
.. Liam - player of the day for Kamo Rugby JBN Zebra's team
.. Amelia & Bailey, players of the day for JB1 Hikurangi Rugby
.. Former student Jeremy Crawford (now at Huanui College) who won the
Overall Investigation Award at this week's Science and Technology Fair.
.. Our Science Fair participants for representing our school so well over the
past week. We are very proud of your achievements.

2012 Science and Technology Fair results

The school is particularly proud of the achievements of our Science and
Technology Fair participants. Matarau School boxed well above its weight
and took 17 awards, including 2 of the 3 top awards .. remember this is
against much larger schools and secondary schools. So .. our results are:

Hazel	Highly Commended - Health and Wellness
Daniel	Highly Commended - Year 8 Research
Jemimah	Highly Commended - Year 7 Research
Calum	Highly Commended - Year 7 Research
	Winner Forest and Bird Society Award
	Highly Commended - Conservation Award
Emily	Highly Commended - Year 8 Research
	Highly Commended - Conservation Award
	Highly Commended - Air / Water Environment Award
Shannon	Winner NZ Baking Industry Research Award
	Winner Year 8 Applied Science Award
Kayla	Winner Year 7 Investigation
	Winner Year 7 and 8 Outstanding Experimental Technique Award
	Winner Air / Water Environment Award
Brad	Winner Year 7 Technology Award
	Best Overall Technology Award
	Best Overall Exhibit

Our hearty congratulations to all of these children for their outstanding
achievements. We hope your parents are as proud of you as we are.

Sandpit

Work on our new junior sandpit will take place on (Sundays) 2nd, 9th and 16th September (starting 9:30am). A small but motivated team of parents has committed to this project already but are very keen to hear from others able to help on any of these mornings. If you think you could help out please give Kevin a call .. many hands make light work. **Those who have already committed should have received an update letter today with a few details on this project .. if you did not receive this letter please give Kevin a call.**

Enrolments 2013 - of special interest to Out of Zone Families

This is to advise that the board will advertise in the Advocate on 8 September the following out of zone places for 2013 ..

.. 15 places for years 0 to 6 and .. 8 places in year 7 and 8

If you are an out of zone family wishing to enrol a student in 2013 it is crucial that you request an Out of Zone Application Form from our office next week. If you do not submit an O.O.Z. Application Form it is unlikely that we will be in a position to offer a place for your child next year. Applications must be received by us no later than 15 October. If there are more applications than places available the result of ballot will be advised by 23 October.

Please note .. if there are students who will not be with us next year it would be helpful if the parents of these children could let us know next week so that we can make these places available for out of zone students.

Review of bus transport entitlement

Bus routes are currently under review nationwide. As part of this process we have been asked to confirm addresses and distance from school for all school families. This information will be used by the Ministry to confirm bus entitlement and therefore size of buses, length of routes and so forth. *It is very important that all families return the form sent out this week so that we can ensure maximum funding for routes to and from Matarau School.* Enhanced funding translates to improved service. Conversely, if we understate the number of users, there is potential for routes to be cut back. Information on distance from school is very important (please measure this on your odometer - home gate to school - or via the AA online distance calculator) as levels of entitlement are determined by distance from school and age of student. Any questions please give Kevin a call. **.. A significant number of families have not yet returned their bus entitlement form. If you did not receive a form (or have misplaced this) please phone the school office on Monday. If we do not have a return for each child this will be interpreted as non-entitlement to use the bus which could translate to smaller buses and a reduction in routes. It is in everyone's interests to ensure your form is returned asap please. If we can help just give us a call.**

Whangarei Interschool Cross Country - Barge Park - 7 Sept (pp 14.9)

A reminder that parents of children entered in this event are responsible for the transport and supervision of their own child(ren) - or for delegating these responsibilities to another willing parent. Parents should have received a letter with essential details including race start times - please aim to have children at the starting line well before this time.

Jenny Crawford has kindly offered to co-ordinate our team (thanks Jenny) and so please step in and give her a hand - especially getting kids to the starting line and results to the tent after races. If you have any questions in the run up to this event please give Kevin a call.

(Please note .. The top 10 place getters in each race qualify for the Northland Cross Country Event to be held 21.9 - pp 28.9. More to follow about this.)

Coming up this term

1 September	Trivia Night
5 September	Senior girls HPV dose 3 (9:00am)
7 September	Interschool Cross Country at Barge Park
9-14 September	AIMS Games
21 September	Northland Cross Country
24 September	School Production week .. performances to be confirmed
26 September	Shake Out Day .. more to follow
28 September	Final day of term 3

ENTHUSIASM VIRTUE RECIPIENTS

.. will be announced at next week's assembly (Monday 2:30pm) and in next week's newsletter.

Matarau Hockey - Sponsored by McQuinn Ground Spread

Well Done to the following players of the Day Saturday 25th August :



C Grade - Ella



D Grade - Jessica

Matarau Netball

Well Done to the following players of the Day :



Yr 4-6 - The Whole Team!!



Yr 6-8 - Laura

After School Care.

If needing ASC please contact Carol Welsh at home: 4335035 or Cell: 021 0817 9805

Helping your child become a reader

This year we are trying to increase reading mileage for all children. The library advisor has given us some suggestions of how parents can help their children to become better, more enthusiastic readers. We will put a few thoughts in each newsletter ..

Did you know that talking about books helps make your child a better listener as well as a better reader ... so have conversations about what you / they are reading .. talk about the pictures and even tell them about your favourite books now and from childhood .. maybe they might be keen to read what you read at their age.



International Schools Maths and English Competitions

Parents, could you please ensure that you return all practice papers and answer sheets next week so that we have these to use in future years.

Calf Club - Thursday 18th October 2012

Reminder - you need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves and lambs. Calves and lambs must be born after 1st July 2012. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling.



If you would like your child to have a lamb to train & bring to calf club please contact the office for details on how to contact the farmer.

We have received some bottles of Agrisea - a seaweed concentrate for animal nutrition for calves and lambs - if you would like one for your animal please contact the office.

You can also bring a 'pet' which can include - goats (kids), cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day.

A booklet will be handed out to children bringing a pet (not for lambs or calves) two weeks prior to the September holidays and needs to be completed and returned to school on the first Monday of term - 15th October. The booklet will be judged by independent judges.

There will be further updates closer to the end of term. To assist you with selection, care and training of your pet, please check out the following website www.calfclub.co.nz Calf and lamb rearing books are available from the office for those children unsure of what the judges look for on the day.



Jim's Band - TONIGHT

Jim Palmer (our wonderful caretaker!) and his band "The Kiwi Rock Show" will be playing at the Hikurangi Hotel on Friday 31st August. Admission is free and the show starts around 8pm.



Home Garden Programme

This will start up soon, please speak with your child/ren about being involved in having a home vege garden.

SOME MORE AIRLINE HUMOUR Qantas Airlines: Repair Division

After every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form, called a "Gripe Sheet" which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems; document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the Gripe Sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humour. Here are some **actual** maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas' pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers. By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never, ever, had an accident. WILL FEED YOU ONE A WEEK.

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And Finally

This week's highlight must surely be our success at the Regional Science and Technology Fair. Such results do not happen by accident. Credit is due to these children (for their months of diligent preparation), to parents (for their encouragement and support) and to Mr Delemare and Mrs Donaldson (for teaching programmes which are second to none). Matarau School continues to have successes disproportionate to our size and against much older students. To win top awards against senior secondary students with specialist science teachers is a truly astonishing achievement. I think most of us know just how good our year 7 and 8 programmes are (I can assure you that what is done in science is replicated across the board) .. but I am not sure that many parents know just how good. Congratulations again to all involved.

Have a great weekend!

Regards,
Kevin Trehwella
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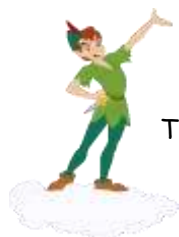
Parenting Toolbox sessions - Join a Toolbox parenting group and learn how to build a great family team. Discover new parenting ideas and discuss successful strategies in a six week group course. Toolbox groups are free of charge to whanau caregivers, foster carers, adopters, grandparents raising grandchildren and Home for Life parents thanks to government funding. If you would like more information about Toolbox parenting groups in Northland contact Debbie Short 09 433 5040

Storylines – free family day at Whangarei Central Library. Saturday 25th August 10am – 2pm. Meet authors & illustrators, watch performances; enter competitions; win prizes; watch artists in action & create your own illustrations.

Meadow Fresh Promotion – Collect yellow Cool Stuff for Kids stickers found on specially stickered Meadow fresh milk and yoghurt packs. Green forms to place stickers on sent home with this newsletter today, place your stickers on the form & return to school. Stickers must be at school by Friday 19th October.

For Sale - Border Collie pups, both female & male black & white available - \$550 each. Ready to go now. Call Mandy on 435 0559 or 021 101 8361

Matarau 2012 Production



NEVER 2 LAND PRODUCTION

Monday 24th - Tuesday 25th September - Matarau School Hall

The Upper Middle and Senior School have been working hard in preparation for this year's performance. It is now time to secure your tickets for this fantastic show. Please purchase your tickets from the school office. Tickets will go on sale on Wednesday 5th September.

Ticket prices - Regular (5yrs & Up) - \$7 Child (Under 5 - Gold Coin Child on lap (under 2) - Free.
Showings - 7pm Monday 24th; Tuesday 25th 12.30pm; Tuesday 25th 7pm.

1 Sleep
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Annual Trivia Night

Fundraiser



Saturday 1st September 2012
7pm - Matarau School Hall

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Thank you to Mr Delemare again for running the night,
you are sooo awesome!

Limited tickets still available – call Wendy on 435 4659

The night includes lots of fun, nibbles and a light supper.

BYO Drinks and Gold Coins.

You could be surprised just what trivia you know!

Don't miss out on a fantastic night!!!

